



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **CHILD SUPPORT CUTS WOULD LEAD TO FEWER SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

*Supervisors send letter to Senator Alberta Darling to reconsider statewide funding reduction*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Chairman of County Board's Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee, and Supervisor Patricia Jursik are releasing a letter to Senator Alberta Darling opposing State budget cuts that would severely affect the Child Support Enforcement program in Milwaukee County. The letter was signed by a number of County Supervisors today.

"I believe that parents should be primarily accountable for supporting their children, and we are concerned that reduced State funding for Child Support will result in a devastating decline in the number of paternity cases and the amount of child support collected. This will create a greater burden on taxpayers," Supervisor Jursik said. "While I understand the intent to identify cost savings measures in the Child Support program, the consequences of this funding reduction will actually have a contradictory effect."

The letter asks Senator Darling to reconsider the funding reduction and change language in Motion 50 which deters county agencies from creating cost-effective cross-contracting. Racine County currently contracts with the Milwaukee County Department of Child Support Enforcement to handle the child support call center workload for both counties, increasing efficiency.

"As we detailed in the letter to Sen. Darling, we have reached a point where further funding cuts result only in diminished services, rather than increased efficiency," Supervisor Johnson said. "If this reduction goes through, an estimated 25,000 families in Milwaukee County will not receive child support payments."

The budget cuts, as proposed, would increase the caseload per full-time equivalent employee from 1,031 cases to 1,457.

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